

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant's select Group I (claims 30-50 and 60) with traverse.

The Restriction Requirement has been justified on the grounds that the product as claimed can be made via material different process which does not require the specific steam heating or incorporating air, particularly the process of heating being done using gas or electric heating. On the present record, this is mere speculation and further there is nothing which excludes the possibility of using gas or electricity to generate the steam. Further, the fact that the principle subclass is different because of the manner in which the Patent Office classification exists does not mean that the search area is different. It is respectfully submitted that in searching either of the groups, the Examiner will search all of the same subclasses. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully solicited.

Acknowledgement of the filed IDS in the next communication from the PTO is respectfully requested.

Acknowledgement of Applicant's claim to priority and receipt of the priority document is also respectfully requested. It has been noted that this is missing from the IFW but as seen on the copy of the attached postcard, the PTO in fact received this material on March 18, 2004.

It is respectfully submitted that the claim objections can be withdrawn in light of the foregoing amendments.

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